

The London 2012 bid has met with criticism for its perceived London-centric nature. Many people are not aware that the Games will involve the use of many sites outside of London, meaning that many non-London towns and cities will benefit from the economic, social and financial legacy of the Games. Non-London venues are introduced here.

NON-LONDON OLYMPIC VENUES

Many venues, including the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, and Old Trafford in Manchester, will host the early rounds of the Olympic football competition. Two such venues are Hampden Park in Glasgow and St.James's Park in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

Hampden Park

Hampden Park recently completed a £70m refurbishment and is now rated as a five-star venue by UEFA, the governing body of European Football.

Hampden Park is situated a few miles to the south of Glasgow city centre, in Scotland. It hosts football events and has a 52,000 seater capacity. It is situated very close to two train stations, has good road links and is easily accessible from Glasgow Airport.

St. James's Park

St James' Park is situated right in the city centre of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the north east of England. It hosts football events and has a 52,000 seater capacity. St James' Park is situated just 10 minutes walk from Newcastle Central station, and is served by numerous buses and the city's Metro service.

Weymouth and Portland

The venue is a combination of the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) and the adjoining commercial marina, in Dorset on England's south coast. It will host sailing events.



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Eton Dorney

Eton Dorney is located close to Windsor Castle, around 25 miles west of London. It has a capacity of 30,000 and will host rowing and canoe sprint events.

Hadleigh Farm

The temporary 3,000 capacity Hadleigh Farm venue in Essex has been chosen as the best location for the mountain biking events to take place.

The venue covers a 550 acre site and includes the surrounding countryside of Hadleigh Castle Country Park. It is located to the east of London. The M25 and A13 provide easy access by road and London is easily accessible by train.

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This newly constructed 12,000 capacity site will host canoe slalom, with two impressive new courses built exclusively for the Games: this will include a 300m competition course and a 160m intermediate/training course and a 10,000sq. m. lake. The site is located in Broxbourne, 30km north of the Olympic Park.

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